Agricultural University, Pantnagar has set up its campuses;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more campuses in Pauri and Chamoli districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The G.B. Pant University has a teaching campus at Ranichauri in the Tehri Garwal District.

(b) No such proposal has been received by the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas in Tamil Nadu Coast

2436. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exploration work is going on to find out oil and gas in Tamil Nadu Coast; and

(b) if so, the details and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI .S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exploratory Drilling is continuing in the coastal districts of South Arcot, Nagapattibnam Quaid-E-Millieth and Ramnad. It is also being pursued by ONGC in the interior districts of Tanjavur and Pudukottai. So far, 9 oil and gas discoveries have been made.

Kerosene Quota to States

2437. SHRI. C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union Government have raised the Kerosene quota for certain States recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise, during the last nine months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI .S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Meetings of Indo-Nepal Water Resources Commission

2438. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Indo-Nepal Water Resources Commission held so far and the decision taken at the last three meetings;

(b) whether any financial assistance has been sought from Japan for the implementation of the Kosi and Tipaimukh Dam Projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the countries likely to be benefited on completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Two meetings have been held in December, 1988 and April, 1991. It has been agreed to work for a project definition report for Pancheshwar Project and complete additional studies for Karnali Project. It has been also agreed that embankments at border on river Kamla, Bagmati, Lai Bakaiya and Khando can be extended in two countries.

(b) to(d). India has given outline of two projects - Kosi High Dam Project and Tipaimukh High Dam Project for assistance under Global Infrastructure Fund of Japan. Nepal and India will get benefit form Kosi Project and India and Bangladesh from Tipaimukh Project.

[*English*]

Meeting of Global Infrastructure Foundation of Water Resources Projects

2439. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first International Planning Meeting of the Global Infrastructure Foundation to discuss Global Infrastructure Water Resources Projects was held at Georgia, United State from October 17-20, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details fo the water resources projects proposed by India therein?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The first International Congress of Global Infrastructure Foundation was held at Atlanta, Georgia,USA from 17-20 October, 1991.

(b) The two projects proposed are the Kosi High Dam Project and Barak Dam Project (also know as Tipaimukh Dam Project).

The Kosi High Dam Project envisages construction of a 269 meter high dam across the river Kosi approximately 1.6 km upstream of Barakshetra and a barrage 8 km downstream of dam near Chatra village in Nepal. The project will provide hydro-power, irrigation and flood control benefits to both India and Nepal. Estimated cost f the project at 1981 price level in Rs. 4074 crores.

The Barak Dam Project envisages construction of 161 m. high 390 m. long rockfill dam on the river Barak and a barrage near Fulertal about 100 kms. downstream of Tipaimukh Dam. The project would significantly reduce flooding and drainage problem in the downstream low-lying areas of India and Bangladesh. At 1988 price level, the Barak dam and the barrage near Fulertal are expected to cost rupees 1316 crores and 270 crores respectively.

[*Translation*]

Fire in Oil Wells in Gujarat

2440. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:
SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire in the oil wells in Gandhar Village of district Bharouch in Gujarat has since been extinguished;

(b) if so, the total loss caused by the fire and the total expenditure incurred extinguishing the fire; and